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EYES ONLY SECRETARY FROM WILLIAM PORTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM CROWN PRINCE FAHD

PRINCE FAHD SENT SEVERAL MESSAGES TO ME TODAY BY TRUSTED
EMISSARY. THE MOST IMPORTANT ARE THESE:

1. KING'S ILLNESS WILL DELAY FAHD'S DEPARTURE TO UNITED STATES.
HE ASKS THE PRESIDENT'S AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING. HE BELIEVES
DATE IN MAY WOULD BE PRACTICAL IF IT MEETS YOUR CONVENIENCE.
HE WILL BE WRITING LETTER TO PRESIDENT ON SUBJECT IN TWO OR
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THREE DAYS.

2. HE IS NOT AVERSE TO IDEA OF BEING LAST OF MIDDLE EAST
VISITORS TO WASHINGTON. HE IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF HONOR WE DID
HIM IN OFFERING HIM OPPORTUNITY FOR EARLY VISIT, BUT CIRCUM-
STANCES PREVENT HIM FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DATE PRESIDENT
SO KINDLY OFFERED. ALSO, AS HE CONSIDERS SAUDI ARABIA TO BE

IN DIFFERENT CATEGORY THAN OTHER VISITORS, HE WISHES A TANGIBLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME TO EMERGE FROM UNITED STATES/SAUDI MEETING.

3. YOU MAY RECALL THAT I MENTIONED TO YOU DURING AMMAN-RIYADH FLIGHT MY BELIEF THAT FAHD IS QUITE CAPABLE OF MAKING GESTURE WHICH HE BELIEVES MIGHT PLEASE USGOVT AND PEOPLE. I HAVE NEVER DISCUSSED SUCH MATTER WITH HIM, BUT HE HAS NOW ASKED ME TO SAY FOLLOWING TO YOU:

HE WOULD LIKE PRESIDENT'S AND YOUR REACTION TO IDEA OF A JOINT INFORMAL (OR FORMAL) STATEMENT WHEN HE CONCLUDES WASHINGTON VISIT. THAT STATEMENT WOULD RELATE DETERMINATION OF BOTH GOVTS TO CONTINUE TO SEEK A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. IT WOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO FACT THAT PEACE WOULD NOT BE END OF OUR EFFORT BUT WOULD PERMIT US TO OPEN PERIOD IN WHICH SAUDI ARABIAN MONEY AND UNITED STATES TECHNOLOGY WOULD COMBINE -- LIKE A MARSHALL PLAN -- FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST. WE WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE WOULD BE PARTNERS IN HELPING ALL PEOPLE RESOLVE THEIR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC PROBLEMS -- LIKE THOSE OF EGYPT FOR EXAMPLE. WE WOULD SHOW THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT US AND SAUDIS ARE PARTNERS IN THAT GREAT ENDEAVOR. HE ADDED, " WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR AMERICAN MONEY. SAUDIS WILL SUPPORT CONCEPT FINANCIALLY, BUT UNITED STATES WOULD BE OUR ASSOCIATE."

4. I DO NOT DOUBT THAT HE IS ABSOLUTELY SERIOUS IN MAKING THIS PROPOSAL. I DO HOPE YOU WILL TAKE IT AT FACE VALUE AND THAT IN YOUR REPLY YOU WILL MENTION THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS OR WILL
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CONSIDER MATTER. SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD BE A TRULY TREMENDOUS INDUCEMENT TO THE CONFRONTATION STATES TO DROP THEIR PROCEDURAL MANEUVERING AND GET ON WITH BUSINESS OF MAKING PEACE.

5. OTHER MESSAGE FROM HIM ON VARIETY OF SUBJECT FOLLOWS SEPTELS.
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